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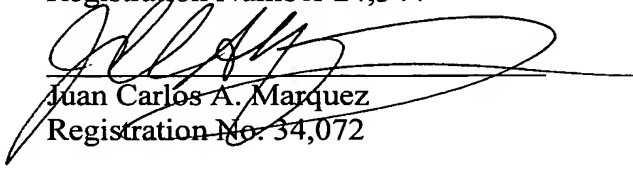
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2008, the period for response to which is set to expire on July 21, 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: